

Knights shoot for state tourney

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Opinion Editor

In the games leading up to districts the O'Gorman Knights continue to struggle winning only two out of their last eight games. This brings their season record to 9-11 for the year.

"We certainly wish we could have won a couple more games as of late, but I keep reminding our guys that we are right there," said coach Derek Robey. "Our schedule is tough. We have to keep everything in perspective that not only are we getting beat by some really good opponents, but we are taking some of the best teams in South Dakota right down to the wire."

At the end of January the Knights began with an out-of-town game against the Brookings Bobcats and came away with a 61-48 win.

Then the Knights returned to play their west side rival, Roosevelt. The Rough Riders rattled O'Gorman's offense throughout this game. Although losing the game 55-41, juniors Braxton Elliot and Davis Cowan both scored 19 points.

"In this game against Roosevelt we started off shooting really well," said Cowan. "We kept

it close for the first three quarters, and then late in the game we got cold and didn't get to the offensive boards. I don't feel too bad about it because we showed ourselves we could be competitive with one of the top ranked teams in the state."

St. Thomas More was the next team on the Knights' schedule. After a tough loss against the Rough Riders the Knights bounced back with a strong performance and a 45-38 victory.

During the next games the Knights showed a great effort but were unable to rise to a victory. The Knights played Sioux City North, Yankton and Roosevelt. In each of these games, the Knights came up short losing 64-25, 40-39 and 58-41.

"They were all games that we gave ourselves a chance to win but weren't able to finish," said Elliott. "We need to play more consistently in the second half if we want to be out west come March."

Pierre was the next to face the Knights. At the end of the third quarter the Knights and Governors were tied at 35. In the end the Knights were not able to edge out the Governors losing 56-52.

Next O'Gorman faced the Lincoln Patriots. During this game

senior Connor Nagel returned to the court scoring five points in 16 minutes after suffering an ACL tear earlier in the season.

"It was a tough loss. But I was excited to be back on the court with the team. I wanted to contribute a little more, but I'm still trying to get back in the flow of things," said Nagel. "We fought hard the whole game. We just didn't make enough plays."

O'Gorman will strive to gain momentum coming into the district games, hoping to earn a spot in the state tournament.

"There is no secret to our past success," said Robey. "Our best teams played very unselfish basketball and defended. That's what it's going to take. If we get some guys to do this, it will be a fun end to a grind season. If we get guys thinking they have to do everything themselves, not trusting in teach other and don't defend, our season will be over next week."

With districts starting on March 4 for the Knights, the teams hopes to punch their ticket for the state tournament being held in Rapid City March 20-22. Last year the Knights failed to qualify for the state tournament after winning three straight and five out of seven state titles.



KINGHT SCROLL

Junior Davis Cowan dribbles past a defender in the second quarter. The Knights went on to beat the Raiders 52-51. The Knights are hoping to lock up a spot for the state tournament this year in Rapid City.

Lady Knights surge behind big wins against city rivals

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The third ranked Lady Knights basketball team is exceeding all expectations this year with their play against in-city rivals and other top five teams.

This year the team is led by starting seniors Claire Howes and Paige Leafstedt.

"I think what is different this year from last is just our team chemistry," said Howes. "Last year we didn't quite have it but this time around we are a much closer unit."

That team chemistry has lifted them with wins over the number one team in the state, the Washington Warriors, and the number two ranked team in the state, the Mitchell Kernels, along with impressive wins over Lincoln and Roosevelt.

The Lady Knights gave both the Warriors and Kernels their first and only losses of the season so far.

If the Knights can improve on their seventh place finish last year at the state tournament it will largely depend on their defense.

"We are playing in a zone a lot this year and I think it has caused some confusion for the other team. We are a pretty good defensive team," said Howes.

The Lady Knights will be looking to go

much farther into the bracket this year, as they struggled in last years tournament in Rapid City and ended up finishing in seventh place going 1-2 in the tournament. They will be hoping to get Coach Kolsrud's first state championship.

"If we could get coach Kolsrud's first state title that would be pretty cool, although I think he will cry if we win," said Leafstedt.

Right now the Lady Knights are ranked number one in their respective district (2A) with their record at 14-5. Behind them are the Roosevelt Rough Riders (10-7), the Brookings Bobcats (6-8) and the Watertown Arrows (4-10).

"We just need to continue to keep our heads up this year, even when we lose because we know we are a good team and that we can really improve upon our finish from last year," said Leafstedt.

As far as the state rankings go, the Washington Warriors hold down the top spot with a 12-1 record, behind them is the Mitchell Kernels at 13-1.

With the state tournament just around the corner at Frost Arena in Brookings being held on March 13-15, teams will be making thier final push for the end of the regular season in hopes of raising the state championship trophy, and hopefully with a couple tears being shed in the end.



KINGHT SCROLL

Junior Dalee Stene looks to pass against Rapid City Stevens. The Lady Knights are 14-5 and the third ranked team behind the Washington Warriors and the Mitchell Kernels.

Winter melts into trendy spring fashion

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Spring is about to hit the city streets not only with high temperatures and sunlight but also with new trends right from the catwalks and designer's sketchbooks. New York City, London, Milan and Paris already shared spring-inspired designer pieces during fashion weeks. The goal for many aspired is to now integrate the high-fashion outfits into the daily life, making it more adjustable.

Combining the hits of fashion shows and street style brings the top must-haves of the season. The most popular trend street fashion borrowed from runways is crop tops, paired with high-waisted skirts.

History tends to repeat itself, and fashion is a great example - culottes are back from '60s, followed by midi-skirts making a comeback from '70s. In completion, '80s-beloved low-heeled pump is back.

There are several guidelines to making accents in outfits this spring. Tartan pattern was plaid throughout the fashion shows and works great as a statement piece. Another option is statement dresses in embellished prints.

"Try mixing and matching different patterns and colors this spring. And when it comes to fashion don't follow the rules," said senior Madi Marino. "Try new things and be different. How do you think trends start?"

All the trend setters have been following Karl Lagerfeld's example for a while now - do-it-yourself projects are the best way to upgrade an old wardrobe and create unique fashion pieces.

Collarless coats in fresh colors and patterns

are warm escape in case of a cold spring.

This season designers also added an artistic spin to clothes, from muralism to brushstrokes and abstract shapes, making outfits look like fashion palettes. The hues are rather girly, with lots of floral, pastels and pink sugar-coated items. Tribal touches will sophisticate any daily outfit, along with metallic, which is no longer reserved for nighttime. Nude and earthy tones served as a palate cleanser among all of the bolder trends.

"I like how the colored and patterned denim is still in," said junior Abby Baka. "My own must-haves for the season are high-waisted skirts, sundresses and colored sandals. I really like J. Crew's spring collection. It's trendy but still timeless."

Chiffon is probably the material most associated with spring, and it's in trend once again. This season designers suggest layering it under tunics and sweaters.

Athletic wear has been a mainstay for few seasons now, and this spring it is becoming more alluring. The sporty vibes are mixed with an old-school elegant approach in track pants, zip-up trainers and bomber jackets.

"My spring must-haves are definitely a pair of Kate Spade sunglasses, a leather baseball cap and some sort of a crop top," said Marino.

There is one trend that never comes out of fashion, and it's not following any trends blindly. It's not about having popular pieces but about feeling confident.



Left: Junior Abby Baka wears a skirt with tribal-patterned black and white edge paired with varnished flats.

Right: Senior Madi Marino wears checked pants in navy blue with metallic-accented top and a leather jacket.

Both girls used statement patterns and stone bracelets as accents in their outfits, trends which were very common on SS14 runways.



Rash provides quick enjoyment music enthusiasts

Cheyenne Chontos
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Pop punk music fans looking for a light read will cheer for Mark Huntley Parsons's debut novel *Road Rash*. Released on Feb. 11, Parsons explores the familiar themes of loyalty, friendship and growing up.

The story is simple but fun. Dropped from his high school garage band, the Sock Monkeys, 17-year-old Zack gets a much better deal with a new band touring the country over his summer break. Soon the initial excitement wears off and Zack is thrust into a world of jealousy and rivalries. When he submits an original album it backfires, and everything Zack and the

band have worked for threatens to fall apart.

There's no doubt that a large majority of books and movies are taking a more dystopian spin these days so it can be refreshing to escape into the relatively calmer realm of realistic fiction. Unfortunately, with a genre like realistic fiction the line between quality literature and basic fluff is thin, and *Road Rush* definitely has its share of fluff-filled moments.

For the most part, however, it's an enjoyable, feel-good book that's great for high school students looking for a quick and entertaining read. Zach is a likeable protagonist with a goal that's worth rooting for. The novel has a slow start but quickly

picks up, and the story line is solid throughout.

Parsons' writing style has its positive and negative sides. The number of ellipses in the novel is borderline ridiculous and the overall style is somewhat childish.

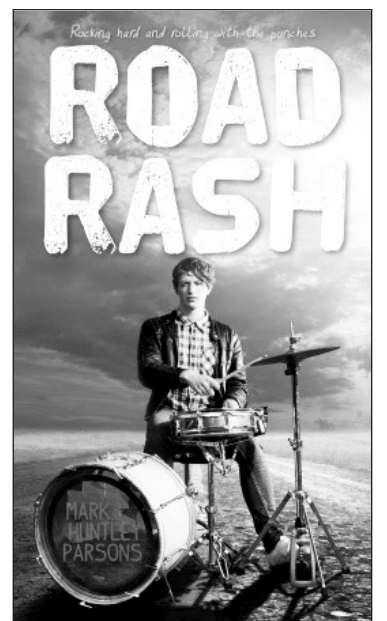
On the other hand, his style fits the characters and the general feel of the novel. Once the story picks up the style seems to develop a little bit too. The characters are strong - they're all realistic and have their own unique situations and problems.

One of the most unique, and arguably best, parts of the novel is the type of bands it features. From My Chemical Romance to the Arctic Monkeys, this novel features some great tunes, mak-

ing it stand out from other popular band novels of today that only feature either pop bands or, even worse, fictional bands.

Fans of books like *Nick & Norah's Infinite Playlist*, *Almost Famous* and *This Is Spinal Tap* will enjoy both the music and the story. *Road Rush* has a similar feel with a slightly lighter story line that's fit more for younger teenagers.

Anyone who's interested in music or has ever had the dream to start a band should definitely take the time to read this. Not only does it cover friendship and finding one's self within a group, but it also touches on working as a band and how different personalities react to a range of situations.



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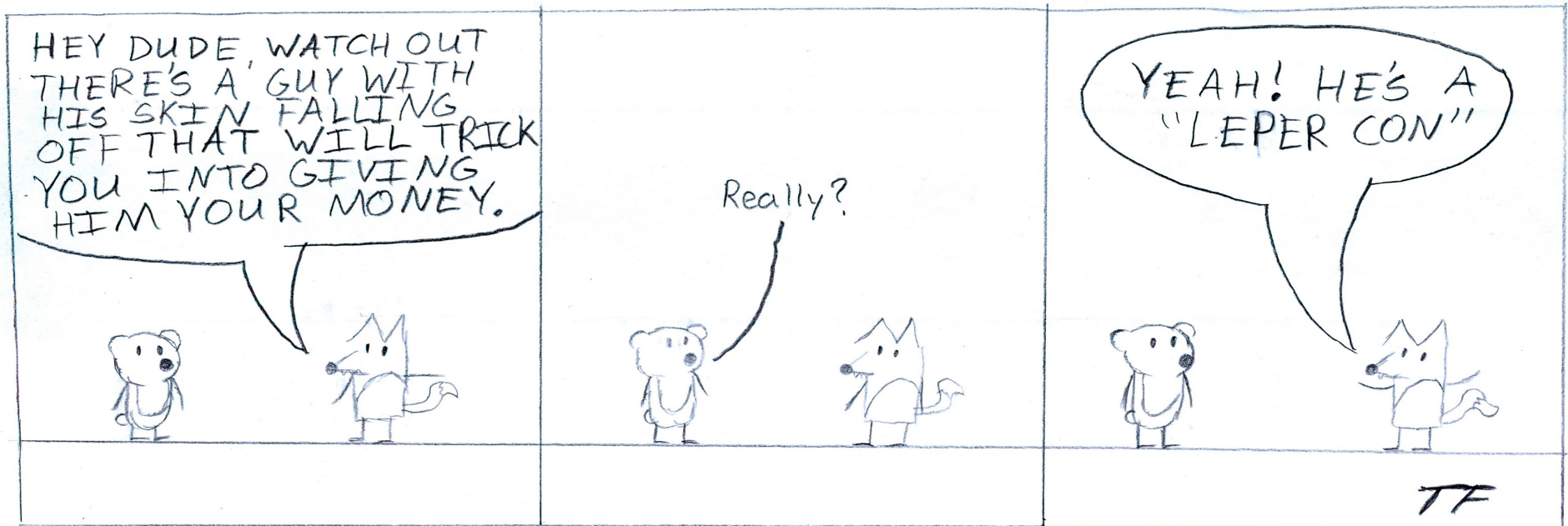
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New cameras part of larger plot

As uninformed high schoolers who only read the opinion page of the newspaper, you probably have not heard anything about the NSA. To clarify, the NSA is the National Security Administration, and a few months ago one of their agents, Edward Snowden, released information that indicates they have the ability to access a lot of your personal data.

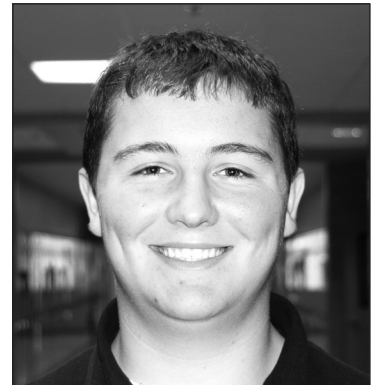
Even if you did know this, you probably did not expect them to target you. Recent initiatives, however, prove otherwise.

I am talking, of course, about the new video cameras that have been installed throughout O’Gorman. We need to examine what these video cameras mean and what they can do.

The recently installed cameras are state of the art. Naturally, they have x-ray, infrared, facial recognition and audio-monitoring capabilities. If you break a law in the school, or have ever broken a law and are seen in the school, President Obama will know within the hour. You will be arrested and detained at Guantanamo.

Obviously, the danger does not stop there. An inside source has

confirmed that the cameras are armed with sentry guns, grenade launchers and .50 caliber sniper rifles - capable of eliminating a target at slightly less than a mile. O-wing is much less than a mile, if you were



Sam Breske

trying to calculate your odds.

Our rights, outlined by the Constitution set forth by our founding fathers, are being stolen from us. George Orwell was right, give or take 20 years. Big brother has always been looming, but this is a broken barrier.

The television in Mr. Groos’ office is not as innocent as we all thought. While the screen used to only display Sportscenter, it is now

a hub of surveillance, monitoring our every move.

If a student in the hallways complains about a test: Guantanamo. If a student is seen getting a drink when they only asked to go to the bathroom: Guantanamo. In fact, students are being detained for discussing most things besides how effectively the announcements were streamlined or how helpful the new signage is.

Be wary, comrades, the cameras are only the beginning. If this trend persists, we will soon find ourselves living in a New School Order in which robots roam the halls.

We, as citizens, are left with only one option: unite. We must join the global movement to cast out tyrants and reclaim our government.

Democracy has certainly failed us, so I suggest a new form of government. One in which everyone works together in harmony to provide for one another.

This movement would require a permanent leader, and it’s only fair that I get to be leader because I thought of it.

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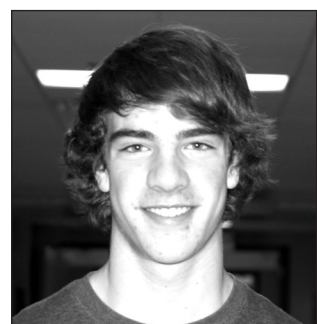
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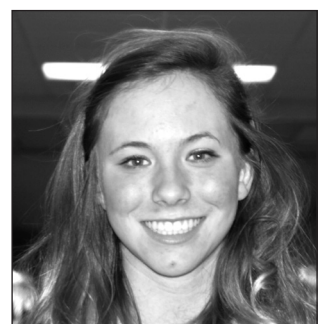
“I give up snow. I hate snow.”
- Tony Danh



“Chocolate, because I’m addicted.”
- Lauren Weber



“I’m giving up my hairbrush.”
- Jacob Otta



“Reality TV and candy.”
- Kendyl Kreber

Up with People to present at O’Gorman

From Staff Reports

Up with People will be presenting at O’Gorman High School on Sunday, March 9 at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Up with People’s all-new production titled “Voices” features a cast and staff of 100 representing 20 countries.

The live two-hour performance includes both original and popular music and is a blend of feature soloists, full cast production numbers, fast-moving choreography and colorful costumes.

“Voices is themed around the power and the irony of communication in today’s global climate,” said Up with People Producer/Director Eric Lentz. “From the freedom and connection given to the disenfranchised by social media, to the prospect of an electronic smile replacing a real one; and emerging through it all: the voices of a generation committed to justice and human dignity.”

“By the end of the show audiences will feel empowered to connect, communicate and create

positive change in their communities. They will have a new perspective on humankind, and will be inspired to ‘...rise above the noises, and listen to the voices of the world;’ ” Lentz said.

The old standards are still there: the show features medleys of popular music representing “voices” of the radio, video and digital generations as well as a medley of international music from Asia, the Americas, Europe and Africa.

Woven throughout the show are original Up with People songs tying the theme of the show together and showcasing the hope personified by the international cast of 100 performing together.

In addition to Sioux Falls, Cast A 2014’s Spring tour will include 20 cities in the United States, Europe and Mexico. In addition to four Super Bowl half-time shows, casts have recently appeared at the 2007 Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade and during the opening celebration of the Pasadena Tournament of Roses’ Rose Parade in 2008 and



PRESS PHOTO

Sister Kathryn Easley helps advertise the Up with People show which will be held in the O’Gorman Performing Arts Center on March 9.

2011, which was estimated to be seen by a television audience of more than 50 million.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 students ages 6-21 and \$5 for

children five and under. Tickets are on now sale at www.upwithpeople.com/siouxfalls.

Up with People’s visit to Sioux Falls is sponsored by Cath-

olic Family Services. The gift of Hope Fund is the beneficiary of the show.

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